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Our 1938 Introduction

*"Miss Parkersburg"*



**SMITH'S  
DAHLIA GARDENS**

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### A Beautiful Outstanding Informal Decorative Dahlia

Color: Ochraceous buff, back of petals carrot red, with some tones of jasper red and flesh color.

A large, well formed flower, with an extra good center.

It grew over 12 in. across by 8 in. deep for us the past season. Its flowering habit is good. We have had as many as seven and eight bloom on a plant at one time measuring 10 and 11 inches across. The bush growth is ideal, with extra good long stems, holding the giant blooms facing well up out of the bush. It branches from the ground with canes four and five feet long.

Has good insect resisting foliage. It is a fair tuber maker.

### WINNINGS

SENSATION and winner in the seedling class at The Ohio Valley Dahlia Association Show, 1935, at Cincinnati, Ohio.

AT The Tri-State Show, Ashland, Ky., 1936, won first prize on single bloom in autumn class, and first prize on vase of five bloom. On the same entries won special award and silver cup for the best dahlia in the show; also silver cup for the most outstanding entry in the show.

AT The Tri-State Show, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1937, won first prize in single class, and first on vase of five bloom. Also silver cup for the best dahlia in the show.

AT The Akron, Ohio, Show, 1937, won first prize in the single class; and first prize on vase of three bloom in the three-year-old seedling class; also Roxbury's gold cup for the best undeseminated seedling in the show.

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# A Late Testimonial From California

*From RAINBOW DAHLIA FARM*

Dear Mr. Smith:

Your letter received and I will say that Miss Parkersburg, in my estimation, as it grew for me, is the best Autumn shade dahlia since Jane Cowl; fine stems and good color with plenty of size.

RAINBOW DAHLIA FARM,  
Benjamin H. Pfluger,  
4942 West 104th Street,  
Inglewood, California.

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# A TESTIMONIAL FROM ONE WHO HAS GROWN "Miss Parkersburg"

MR. C. B. AMBROSE, of Norfolk, Virginia, says:

"For two years I have had the pleasure of growing your dahlia, Miss Parkersburg, and I am pleased to say it is one of the finest dahlias I have ever seen bloom. The plant itself is beautiful to look at. Insects do not seem to like it.

"This year you sent me six plants and every one grew to be perfect bushes.

"I have seen as many as twenty-five bloom open at one time on the six plants, and every one a grand show bloom. For size they were monsters, with perfect stems.

"You have in MISS PARKERSBURG one grand dahlia, and if my seventeen years experience growing dahlias means anything to you, I will say that you have one of the finest dahlias I have ever had the pleasure of growing and for a long time to come this dahlia will be on my must list. I am confident there will be many other growers who will feel the same way, once they have the pleasure of growing and winning with it, as you have done this year. In short, I will say it's just a wonderful dahlia in every way; and my hat's off to you, for better dahlias."

## PRICES

**Miss Parkersburg** is really a \$15.00 dahlia, but owing to the large amount of stock I have accumulated I am listing it at:

*CLUMPS, \$30.00    ROOTS, \$10.00    PLANTS, \$5.00*

TERMS: Cash with order, or a deposit of 25% with the order, and the balance when shipment is made.

Will ship clumps and roots any time specified and plants after May 15.

Commercial growers discount to those entitled to same. Retail orders prepaid. Wholesale orders shipped at buyers' expense.

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